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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR,

MEAT AND FOODS INSPECTOR,

SHOPS ACT INSPECTOR,

and

SALVAGE OFFICER,

J. S. FISHER, C.R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.,

for the year

1957.

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STOWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
Ipswich Road,
STOWMARKET.

June, 1958.

To The Chairman and Members of the
STOWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1957.

The state of health of the people of Stowmarket has, on the whole, been satisfactory during the year under consideration.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	1,696 acres.
Population (estimated mid-year Home Population, Registrar General's Figures)	7,580.
Inhabited Houses	2,544.
Rateable Value	£97,701.
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate	£392.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

An outbreak of Measles occurred which was almost entirely confined to children in the younger age groups. Most of the cases were mild, and there were no deaths.

There were also a number of cases of Whooping Cough.

Asian type Influenza reached the Town in the Autumn. It affected people of all ages, but fortunately the disease was not unduly severe. It caused a considerable amount of inconvenience by the way it suddenly struck down large numbers of people, often going though families, but most people made a good recovery, and there were no deaths.

HOUSING.

Some progress has been made in the Slum Clearance programme, and it is to be hoped that the easement of financial restrictions in the not too distant future will enable this most important part of the work of a Health Department to proceed more speedily.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There has been a pronounced fall in the Standardised Birth Rate (from 15.36 in 1956 to 11.99 in 1957), and our figure is now well below that for England and Wales, which is 16.1.

We may perhaps console ourselves with the news that the Stowmarket Standardised Death Rate, 9.46, is also below the National figure, 11.5.

In 1957 there were three deaths occurring in children under the age of one year, compared with four in 1956. This has lowered the Infant Mortality Rate from 35.1 to 33.3 per thousand.

There has been no significant change in the various causes of death.

BIRTHS. (Registrar General's figures).

LIVE BIRTHS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Total	48.	42.	90.
Legitimate	47.	41.	88.
Illegitimate	1.	1.	2.

BIRTH RATE:-

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 home population	=	11.87.
Per 1,000 home population - England & Wales	=	16.1.
Comparability factor	=	1.01.
Standardised Birth Rate	=	11.99.

STILL BIRTHS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Total	1.	-.	1.
Legitimate	1.	-.	1.
Illegitimate	-.	-.	-.

RATE:-

Per 1,000 total live and still births	=	11.0.
do. England and Wales	=	22.4.

INFANTILE MORTALITY (Under one year).

	M.	F.	Total.
Total	2.	1.	3.
Legitimate	2.	1.	3.
Illegitimate	-.	-.	-.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE.

	M.	F.	Total.
Total	1.	1.	2.
Legitimate	1.	1.	2.
Illegitimate	-.	-.	-.

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE:-

Per 1,000 live births	=	33.3.
do. England and Wales	=	23.0.

DEATHS. (Registrar General's figures).

	M.	F.	Total.
ALL CAUSES.	42.	29.	71.

DEATH RATE:-

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 home population	=	9.37.
Per 1,000 home population - England & Wales	=	11.5.
Comparability factor	=	1.01.
Standardised Death Rate	=	9.46.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M.	F.	Total 1957.	Total 1956.
Syphilitic disease.	-.	1.	1.	-.
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-.	-.	-.	1.
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	3.	-.	3.	1.
do. lung, bronchus.	3.	-.	3.	1.
do. breast.	-.	1.	1.	2.
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	5.	2.	7.	6.
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-.	-.	-.	1.
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2.	7.	9.	5.
Coronary disease, angina.	14.	2.	16.	9.
Hypertension with heart disease.	2.	-.	2.	2.
Other heart disease.	4.	11.	15.	17.
Other circulatory disease.	3.	2.	5.	5.
Influenza.	-.	-.	-.	1.
Pneumonia.	1.	1.	2.	-.
Bronchitis.	2.	-.	2.	3.
Ulcer of stomach, and duodenum.	-.	-.	-.	1.
Congenital malformations.	-.	-.	-.	2.
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	2.	2.	4.	11.
All other accidents.	1.	-.	1.	1.
Suicide.	-.	-.	-.	1.
Totals:-	42.	29.	71.	70.

COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

	1955.	1956.	1957.	England & Wales 1957.
Inhabited Houses.	2473.	2499.	2544.	-.
Population (Register General's Figures).	7560.	7570.	7580.	-.
Live Births.	107.	114.	90.	-.
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	14.43	15.36	11.99	16.1.
Deaths of Infants under one year.	2.	4.	3.	-.
Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	18.7	35.1	33.3	23.0
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population.	10.57	9.3	9.46	11.5

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Excluding Tuberculosis) - Compiled from notifications received.

Diseases.	Ages -1	1/ 2	3/ 4	5/ 9	10/ 14	15/ 24	25 +	Total	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Whooping Cough.	3	1	7	11	-	-	-	22	-	-
Measles.	1	12	16	53	2	-	1	85	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Salmonella food poisoning.	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	5	-	-
							Totals:-	113	1	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of Primary Injections in 1957 = 108.
Number of Booster Injections in 1957 = 99.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

Number of Primary Vaccinations = 69.
Number of revaccinations = 3.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	Pulmonary. M.	Pulmonary. F.	Non-Pulmonary. M.	Non-Pulmonary. F.
(i) New Cases notified	1.	2.	1.	1.

(ii) Ages of new cases:-

Pulmonary. (Lungs).

1 Male - 5 years.
2 Females - 26 and 64 years.

Non-Pulmonary.

1 Male - 27 years.
1 Female - 6 years.

(iii) Cases "crossed off the Register as recovered" during the year:-

2 Pulmonary - 1 Male - 38 years.
1 Female - 26 years.

2 Non-Pulmonary - 1 Male - 14 years.
1 Female - 13 years.

(iv) Cases "crossed off the Register by removal to other Districts or by death" during the year:-

To other Districts:-

Pulmonary	-	2 Males	-	60 and ? years.
		2 Females	-	24 and 26 years.
Non-Pulmonary	-	1 Male	-	? years.

By Death.

Pulmonary	-	1 Male	-	56 years.

(v) Cases on the Register at the end of the year:-

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
12.	9.	21.	4.	10.	14.

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No formal action was necessary during the year.

FOOD.

Information under this heading is given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Tenders were received and a Contract placed for carrying out Stage II of the new Sewage Disposal Scheme. The Contractors took possession of the site on 23rd April, and at the end of the year the Consulting Engineers reported that the work was proceeding accor ing to schedule.

The laying of sewers in Needham Road and Bridge Street and of a relief sewer in Crown Street was completed.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Ministry of Labour and National Service Form 572 is attached.

CONCLUSION.

I should like to record my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement during the past year. Officers and Members of the Staff have always been most helpful and co-operative, and special mention must be made to the conscientious and outstanding way in which Mr. Fisher and his Assistant, Mr. Whiteley, have carried out their duties.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

KATHLEEN M. HARDING,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957, and in doing so would first express thanks to all Members of the Council for their continued confidence and support. I also acknowledge with appreciation the helpful co-operation of Doctor K. M. Harding, Medical Officer of Health, and of all Officers and Staff of the Council, and I particularly record the conscientious service rendered by Mr. K. Whiteley, the Additional Public Health Inspector. The help of Doctor P. H. Martin and his Staff at the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich, in connection with Food samples and obscure conditions in meat found at the Slaughterhouses is also acknowledged with thanks.

In reviewing the year's work one feels some disappointment that more obvious progress has not been made in various directions, but it is a fact that Public Health work does not normally produce immediately obvious and spectacular results, and progress can only be measured over a period of years. Much of the work is accomplished by persuasion and informal action, and only a small proportion of it ever reaches the direct notice of the Council.

The normal routine work has been carried out, and is summarised under the respective headings.

Particular attention was again devoted to Meat and Food Inspection, Food Hygiene, and Housing.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Meat Inspection took up much of the time of the Additional Inspector, and of 20,737 animals killed, all but 21 Sheep and Lambs and 47 Pigs were inspected, representing an inspection rate of over 99.9%. This result was only achieved by one or other of us working more than half the evenings, most Bank Holidays, and every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. This can only be regarded as an unreasonable encroachment on what should be an Officer's free time, and the more so as nearly nine-tenths of the meat inspected was for consumption in other Districts, but it is a moral duty and has to be accepted as such until slaughtering hours are regulated by law if the public are to be protected from diseased and unsound meat.

Reference has been made in previous Reports to the heavy burden placed on Local Authorities in whose district much of the meat inspected was for consumption in other districts, and this year the Government adopted a scheme whereby grants became available, beginning to operate in respect of expenditure in the financial year 1956 - 57, to assist such Local Authorities. The scheme is briefly, as follows:- A unit value is put on the various animals inspected, Cattle being worth 10 units, Calves and Pigs 3 units, and Sheep 2 units. A standard figure of consumption throughout England and Wales of 1.5 units per head of population has been calculated, and a standard figure of 2d. per inspection unit adopted, and 50% paid on all "export" units. The amount received was £268. 18s. 2d., and whilst this by no means met the full cost it was nevertheless a useful contribution.

FOOD HYGIENE.

Matters of Food Hygiene received close attention, and frequent visits were paid to the various food premises. Traders have been co-operative, and many improvements both in premises and in processing and handling methods have been effected. A number of samples of brawn, sausage meat, meat pies, etc., were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, and while none revealed the presence of Salmonella or other food poisoning organisms, high colony counts were reported in some, and in these cases the opportunity was taken to discuss methods etc., with Management and Employees and to again emphasise the importance of hygienic practices throughout all processes. Talks were given to a number of Women's Meetings.

HOUSING.

At the beginning of the year it appeared that the Slum Clearance Programme had at last got under way. Five Clearance Areas had been declared and Clearance Orders made in December, 1956, and after publication and service of the necessary notices they were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for confirmation.

No objection was made in respect of No. 2 Order (Nos. 88 - 92, Union Street), and the Order was confirmed on 19th June, 1957.

Objections were lodged in respect of No. 1 Order (Nos. 1 - 11, Regent Street and Nos. 61 and 63 Union Street); No. 3 Order (Nos. 3 - 7 Union Street); No. 4 Order (Nos. 15 and 17 Needham Road); and No. 5 Order (Nos. 77 and 79 Bridge Street), and these were heard at a Local Enquiry held on the 18th June.

No. 1 Order, to which there was only minor objection, was confirmed on 11th September, 1957.

No. 3 Order was not confirmed, the Minister contending that as the three houses were now occupied as one, action should have been taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, and not under Section 25. This decision was questioned by the Council, who contended that although now occupied as one dwelling the property was originally three houses and they had never been properly adapted for use as one. The Council acknowledged that action could have been taken under Section 11,

but suggested that under the circumstances action under Section 25 was not inappropriate, and they decided to ask the Minister to reconsider it. No decision had been received on this from the Minister at the close of the year.

The Owners of the properties covered by Nos. 4 and 5 Orders stated at the Enquiry that they were prepared to submit proposals for rendering the houses fit for human habitation, and accordingly on 14th August, the Minister notified that his decision would be deferred for three months to enable them to do so. No proposals were submitted in respect of No. 4 Order, but proposals acceptable to the Council were submitted in respect of No. 5 Order, and the Minister was notified accordingly. The Minister's decision on both these Orders was awaited at the close of the year.

No further action was taken in respect of:-

Nos. 1 - 23 Spring Row.	(12 houses).
Nos. 1 - 19 Ham Row.	(10 houses).
Nos. 2 - 12 Stricklands Road.	(6 houses).
Nos. 3 & 5 Stricklands Road.	(2 houses).
Nos.105-111 Bury Street.	(4 houses).
Nos. 4 - 10 Union Street.	(4 houses).
Nos. 1 & 3 Ipswich Road.	(2 houses).
2 Cottages, Combs Ford Square.	(2 houses).
No. 73 Bury Street.	(1 house).

all of which had been represented as unfit for human habitation, and unfortunately, owing to the financial restrictions imposed on the Country, the Council decided at their November meeting that they would not be justified, at the present time, in proceeding with any more Slum Clearance projects, and that, for the time being, they discontinue such programme. This decision, though almost inevitable under the circumstances, is to be regretted, as the Owners of these and other similar houses are understandably not prepared, nor can they reasonably be required, to spend money on repairs, knowing that representations have been made or are likely to be made, and the properties are still further deteriorating.

Following are details, in summarised form, of the work carried out.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

(a) (i) Meat.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed.	3,367	1,380	320	4,296	11,374
Number inspected.	3,367	1,380	320	4,275	11,327
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis:					
Whole carcases condemned	1	10	1	25	31
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	788	361	2	217	700
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	23.43	26.9	0.94	5.66	6.45
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned.	8	9	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	137	105	-	-	391
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	4.3	8.26	-	-	3.46
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	8	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	26	8	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number of Cattle inspected affected with Cysticercosis	0.72		-	-	-

Expressed in "Cattle Units" the kill represented a 10% increase on the figure for 1956.

(a) (ii). Comparision with three previous years

	1954	1955	1956	1957
(i) Animals killed:				
Cattle.	974	2,012	2,938	4,747
Calves.	339	431	255	320
Sheep and Lambs.	2,177	4,405	4,115	4,296
Pigs.	8,361	19,835	13,119	11,374
Totals:-	11,851	26,683	20,427	20,737
(ii) Condemned:	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Meat.	11,586	20,783	25,215½	26,267½
Offals.	6,191	13,248¾	17,649½	29,763½
From other Districts:	493½	286	18	-
Imported Meat.	135	-	-	-
(iii) Percentage of Animals inspected affected with disease:				
All diseases other than Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis:-				
Cattle, excluding Cows.	14.74	13.25	19.8	23.43
Cows.	24.3	24.22	25.11	26.9
Calves.	2.66	1.86	3.53	0.94
Sheep and Lambs.	2.66	5.09	4.06	5.66
Pigs.	4.62	3.53	4.56	6.45
Tuberculosis only:-				
Cattle, excluding Cows.	4.36	6.03	5.49	4.3
Cows.	15.8	15.1	9.33	8.26
Calves.	-	0.23	0.39	-
Pigs.	3.22	2.9	3.37	3.46
Cysticercosis:-				
Cattle, including Cows.	1.36	1.0	0.61	0.72

(b) Tinned and Other Foods Condemned:

	tins.	lbs.	ozs.
Fish.	58.	38.	4¾.
Fruit.	116.	141.	9½.
Meat.	130.	221.	9¾.
Soups.	16.	14.	13½.
Vegetables.	150.	127.	15½.
Milk.	83.	59.	8.
Miscellaneous.	3.	4.	-.
Totals:-	556.	607.	13.

(c) Total Weight of All Foods Condemned:

25.3 tons.

(d) Disposal of Unsound Foods.

Meat and Offals - Stained with Naphthalene green dye, and sold to the Suffolk Fat and Bone Company, Oulton Broad.

Tinned Foods - Buried at Council's Refuse Tip.

(e) Transport of Meat.

Generally satisfactory.

(f) Slaughterhouses:

Generally well maintained.

2. FOOD.

(a) Number of Food Premises.

Various	-	85.
Number of inspections	-	194.
Defects found and remedied	-	29.
Wholesale Warehouses	-	2.
Number of inspections	-	10.
Works Canteens	-	3.
Number of inspections	-	3.
School Canteens	-	3.
Number of inspections	-	6.
Egg Packing Station	-	1.
Number of inspections	-	3.

(b) Premises Registered under Food and Drugs Act, 1955, s.16:

For sale and storage of Ice Cream	-	28.
For manufacture of Sausages, etc.	-	9.
Fried Fish Shops.	-	6.

(c) Food samples taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination:

Brawn	-	7
Corned Beef	-	1
Cornish Pasty	-	1
Meat Paste	-	2
Pressed Beef	-	1
Pork Pie	-	6
Sausage Meat	-	13
Steak and Kidney Pie	-	2

(d) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 - 1954.

Number of Dairies registered	-	5
Number of inspections	-	14
Defects found and remedied	-	4

Number of Milk Dealers' Licences issued:-

(i) Pasteurised	-	2
(ii) Tuberculin Tested	-	3
(iii) Sterilised	-	1

(e) Market Food Stalls:

Regularly inspected, and found reasonably satisfactory.

(f) Slaughterhouses:

Number licenced - 3

(g) Slaughtermen's Licences:

Licences issued or renewed - 13

3. HOUSING.

(a) New Houses - (Statistical, and not actual work of the Department.

Council Flats completed during the year	-	20
Houses completed by Private Enterprise	-	25
Council Flats under construction	-	20
Houses under construction by Private Enterprise	-	9

(b) Housing Act, 1936 - Slum Clearance:

Five Clearance Orders were made and submitted for confirmation as follows:-

C.O.No.	Situation.	No. of Houses.	Result.
1956/1.	1-11 Regent Street. 61 & 63 Union Street.	6. 2.	Order confirmed.
1956/2.	88-92 Union Street.	3.	Order confirmed.
1956/3.	3-7 Union Street.	3.	Order not confirmed, Minister contending that action should have been taken under Section 11.
1956/4.	15 & 17 Needham Road.	2.	Decision deferred to allow Owners to submit proposals. None submitted, and decision awaited.
1956/5.	77 & 79 Bridge Street.	2	Decision deferred to allow Owner to submit proposals. These submitted and decision awaited.

(c) Housing Act, 1936. s.11(3).

No. 7 Church Walk - Undertaking given by Owner to render fit for human habitation carried out.

No. 6 Marriotts Walk - Undertaking given and accepted that house would not be used for human habitation.

(d) Housing Act, 1936. s.11(4).

No. 87 Needham Road - Demolition Order made.

(e) Housing Act, 1936. s.10.

No. 6 Victoria Road was made fit by the Local Authority, the Owner having defaulted in complying with a notice served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(f) Houses in which defects were remedied:

After Informal Notices - 67.

(g) Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Enquiries dealt with	- 16.
Approved for Grant	- 13.
Amount of Grants approved	- £2,178 10s. 0d.
Total Grants approved to 31/12/57	- £4,710 18s. 9d.

(h) Moveable Dwellings.

New Licences granted	- 6.
Licences renewed	- 4.
Dwellings occupied at 31/12/57	- 7.

4. WATER SUPPLY.

Fourteen samples from services off the Town (Station Road) supply, five from services off the Poplar Hill supply, and one from a Private Well were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, and all received satisfactory reports.

5. SWIMMING POOL.

One sample of water taken from the Swimming Pool, and one from the Children's Paddling Pool were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, and both were reported satisfactory.

6. SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Number of Shops	-	120.
Number of inspections	-	101.
Defects remedied	-	4.

7. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Number of Factories on Register	-	62.
Other premises on Register	-	4.
Number of inspections	-	62.
Number of cases in which defects were found and remedied	-	11.

8. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

Number of premises on Register	-	2.

9. PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Licences issued	-	1.

10. SMOKE NUISANCES.

Complaints received	-	5.
Remedied after Informal Notice	-	5.

11. CONVENIENCES AT LICENCED AND PUBLIC PREMISES.

Found generally clean and well maintained.

12. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Cleaned daily, but subjected to bad treatment by certain of the public.

13. INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Cases investigated:-

Salmonella Food Poisoning.	-	5.
Tuberculosis	-	1.
Faeces specimens collected and despatched to the Public Health Laboratory.	-	45.

14. FUMIGATION.

House fumigated	-	1.

15. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Refuse Tips and Sewage Disposal Works were subjected to frequent treatments. The sewers were given two maintenance treatments, and a number of manholes were treated in addition. No evidence of serious infestation was found.

Complaints received and dealt with - 62.

Number of Treatments and "known kill":

	Treatments.	Known Kill. Rats.	Mice.
Local Authorities' Premises.	21.	348.	-.
Business and Industrial premises.	19.	131.	30.
Private Dwelling-houses.	170.	486.	34.
Totals:-	210.	965.	64.

Wasps' Nests destroyed - 15.

16. COMPLAINTS.

Complaints received and dealt with - 138.

17. NOTICES SERVED.

Statutory - Slum Clearance notices served by Clerk's Department.

Informal - 117.

18. REFUSE COLLECTION.

This service has continued satisfactorily. Few complaints were received, and most of these were due to circumstances beyond the control of the Collectors.

Refuse bins supplied by the Council under the Public Health Act, 1936. s.75(3)	- 33.
Total number of bins issued since December, 1950	- 374.
Total number of bins written off, worn out	- 36.
Returned to Stock for re-use	- 5.
Total number of Council bins in service	- 333.

19. TRADE REFUSE.

Trade Refuse is collected from 98 Business premises.

20. SALVAGE.

		tons.	cwts.
Waste paper, all grades,	in Stock 1/1/57.	11.	0.
do. do.	collected 1957.	122.	4¼.
do. do.	sold.	128.	4¼.
do. do.	in Stock 31/12/57.	5.	0.

Proceeds of Sales, 1957.	-	£956	17s.	9d.
Value of Stock, 31/12/57.	-	£31	0s.	0d.

The figures compare favourably with those for 1956, but owing to restrictions on the amount which the Mills could accept, no drive for increased amounts could be made.

Other Salvage Receipts - £13 12s. 0d.

21. RENT ACT, 1957.

A number of enquiries were received concerning the operation of this Act, but only three Certificates of Disrepair were applied for, and these were granted.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. S. FISHER.

Chief Public Health Inspector,
Meat and Foods Inspector,
and
Salvage Officer.